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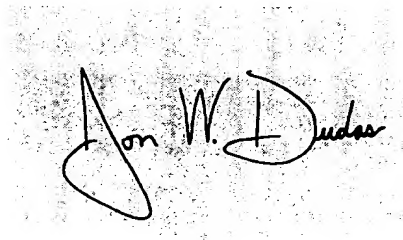
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At Item (73) Assignee: please delete "Canon Kabushika Kaisha, Tokyo (JP) and insert --Canon Kabushiki Kaisha (Tokyo, JP) --

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